IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please correct paragraph [0038] of the specification as follows:

[0038] The release mechanism can be realized by two additional (less) spring-loaded bolts (called release bolts 10 hereinafter) in boot sole 22. The release bolts 10 are each pressed towards the center line of the boot sole 22 by means of pressure springs 12. The pressure springs 12 are each held in position by a ring 13 pressed into each of the two bores 23. A step 14 on the release bolt 10 prevents the escape of the latter towards the sole center. These release bolts 10, when not in their snapped-in position, close the latching openings 4 of the latching bolts 1 in the boot sole 22. By this, the latching openings are largely prevented from being soiled.